

**April 14, 2005**

**WHITLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A local public hearing was held at the Whitley County Board of Education office on April 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan (DFP) developed by the Whitley County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10-0 in favor of the proposed new plan, and the board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan. One local board member was absent.

There were three individuals in attendance. L. Rodney Bennett, Division of Facilities Management, served as the state-appointed hearing officer. Mr. Lester Shelley, Director of Facilities, and two other administrators were present.

**COMMENTS**

Facilities Director Shelley called the public hearing to order and welcomed those in attendance. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. Mr. Shelley and the hearing officer discussed the proposed new DFP that calls for P-3, 4-6, P-6, 7-8, 7-12, 9-12 school organization structure and includes capital construction/major renovations during the next four-year funding cycle.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No specific comments were made regarding the new DFP.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new DFP developed by the Whitley County LPC and adopted by the Whitley County Board of Education be approved as the DFP for the Whitley County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Rodney Bennett  
Hearing Officer